

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A multimedia preview system in a client/server-based network environment for browsing content of requested multimedia data to be previewed, the content to be displayed on a client terminal for accessing a multimedia server configured to hold the requested multimedia data, the multimedia preview system comprising:

an interface configured to receive commands indicating a speed at which the multimedia preview system is to browse through at least one of text and an image associated with the requested multimedia data; and

controlling means for controlling visual information for different abstraction levels descriptive for different degrees of importance for an understanding of the requested multimedia data and for adapting an abstraction level of a presentation of the at least one of the text and the image, depending on at least markup tags descriptive for and associated with the requested multimedia data and a frequency of the commands and depending upon a combination of the spatial, temporal and semantic layout of said data, such that the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the image is lower when the speed is lower and vice versa, and for changing a layout of the at least one of the text and the image, depending on the speed, the controlling means including a touch-sensitive display configured to navigate through the requested multimedia data to be previewed.

10. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 9, further comprising:

means for displaying the requested multimedia data with different layouts depending on the speed.

11. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 9, further comprising:  
means for setting a semantic focus, proportional to the speed, of the requested  
multimedia data.

12. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 9, further comprising:  
means for introducing the markup tags in the requested multimedia data for changing  
the layout of the at least one of the text and the image.

13. (Previously Presented) The multimedia preview system according to claim 9,  
wherein the multimedia preview system is a video-on-demand system with video browsing  
means for varying the speed and the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of  
the text and the image, depending on at least the frequency of the commands instructing the  
multimedia preview system to change the speed such that the abstraction level is lower when  
the speed is lower and vice versa.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for browsing content of multimedia data to be  
previewed, the content being displayed on a client terminal for accessing a multimedia server  
which holds the multimedia data, comprising:

downloading the multimedia data from the multimedia server to the client terminal via  
a network link;  
receiving and processing, at the multimedia server, commands of representation  
parameters demanding a change in at least one of a speed of browsing and in an abstraction

level of a presentation of at least one of text and an image associated with the multimedia data;

decomposing the multimedia data into non-redundant and redundant, less relevant parts for obtaining visual information for different abstraction levels descriptive for different degrees of importance for an understanding of the requested multimedia data;

adapting the representation parameters by online filtering out a certain amount of the redundant, less relevant parts depending on at least markup tags descriptive for and associated with the multimedia data and a frequency of the commands and depending upon a combination of the spatial, temporal and semantic layout of said data, such that the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the image is lower when the speed of browsing is lower and vice versa; and

displaying an adapted version of the multimedia data on the client terminal, wherein a layout of the at least one of the text and the image is changed depending on the speed of browsing, and the commands are based on movements of a pressure across a touch-sensitive display.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one of the text and the image is displayed with different layouts depending on the speed of browsing.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein a semantic focus of the multimedia data is set proportional to the speed of browsing.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the markup tags are introduced in the multimedia data for changing the layout of the at least one of the text and the image.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, further comprising:  
associating the markup tags, allowing identification of segmented parts of the multimedia data to be previewed, to the multimedia data; and  
synchronizing the markup tags with the multimedia data.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein a length of a movement path of one of the movements is directly proportional to at least one of the speed of browsing and the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the image, during the displaying the multimedia data.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the commands are based on forces exerted to a surface of the touch-sensitive display, one of the forces being directly proportional to at least one of the speed of browsing and the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the image, during the displaying the multimedia data.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the commands are based on a duration of forces exerted to a surface of the touch-sensitive display, the duration being directly proportional to at least one of the speed of browsing and the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the image, during the displaying the multimedia data.

23. (Currently Amended) A multimedia preview system in a client/server-based network environment for browsing content of requested multimedia data to be previewed, the content to be displayed on a client terminal for accessing a multimedia server configured to hold the requested multimedia data, the multimedia preview system comprising:

a processor configured to control visual information for different abstraction levels descriptive for different degrees of importance for an understanding of the requested multimedia data and to adapt an abstraction level of a presentation of at least one of text and an image associated with the requested multimedia data, depending on markup tags descriptive for and associated with the requested multimedia data and a frequency of commands and depending upon a combination of the spatial, temporal and semantic layout of said data indicating a speed at which the multimedia preview system is to browse through the at least one of the text and the image, such that the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the image is lower when the speed is lower and vice versa, and to change a layout of the at least one of the text and the image depending on the speed; and  
a touch-sensitive display configured to navigate through the requested multimedia data to be previewed.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 23, further comprising:

a display unit configured to display the requested multimedia data with different layouts depending on the speed.

25. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 23, further comprising:

a setting unit configured to set a semantic focus, proportional to the speed, of the requested multimedia data.

26. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 23, further comprising:  
an editing unit configured to introduce the markup tags in the requested multimedia  
data for changing the layout of the at least one of the text and the image.

27. (Previously Presented) The multimedia preview system according to claim 23,  
wherein the multimedia preview system is a video-on-demand system configured to vary the  
speed and the abstraction level of the presentation of the at least one of the text and the  
image, depending on at least the frequency of the commands instructing the multimedia  
preview system to change the speed such that the abstraction level is lower when the speed is  
lower and vice versa.

28. (Canceled)